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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN ALASKA SET-UP

A new plan for closer coordination in the management of Alaska's vast fish, game and fur resources will soon be put into operation, according to an announcement made today by Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Day who met with the Alaska Game Commission and other Alaska personnel recently in Ketchikan, in announcing the plan said, "we are attempting to make the fullest possible use of our limited Alaska personnel."

Effective May 1, all Fish and Wildlife Service functions in Alaska, with the exception of those performed in the Fishery Technological Laboratory at Ketchikan and the fur-seal work on the Pribilof Islands, will be under the general supervision of a regional director for Alaska whose headquarters will be at Juneau.

Under the regional office will be a supervisor of wildlife, a supervisor of fisheries, and a supervisor of law enforcement who will head a combined force of field agents.

In the Washington headquarters office an Alaska Committee will be set up to assist in carrying out these plans.

Clarence J. Rhode, with many years of experience in the Alaska program, will be the new regional director, relieving Frank W. Hynes who has requested the opportunity to devote his full time to fishery management problems.

Announcement of other personnel to head the new Alaska fish and wildlife setup will be made at an early date, said Director Day.

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